

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Markwitz, B.**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as indicated below, with the amendments being presented for consideration by the Examiner.

***In the Claims***

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amend) A data processing system for monitoring and evaluating guard patrols of one or more sites comprising:

a central computing device ~~and a display;~~

~~means a device~~ for gathering information obtained from one or more checkpoints during a guard patrol of one or more sites;

~~means for detecting when said gathered information is ready to be downloaded into said central computing device;~~ and

~~means a system~~ for downloading said gathered information into said central computing device.